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"Sudler's Conclusion" is well known on the lower Eastern Shore as one of the most significant early houses to remain standing in the region. The true age of the single-story brick house is not known exactly, but architectural historians have generally agreed on the first quarter of the eighteenth century. Similar to other early houses in the region, the brick walls were erected in a carefully laid Flemish bond with decorative glazed header surfaces highlighting the checkerboard pattern. Similar to the Beauchamp house and Makepeace is the distinctive saw-tooth beltcourse that marks the east gable end. The south side of the brick house, now pierced by a pair of twelve-over-twelve sash windows, once contained an arched doorway that opened into the principal room. Likewise, the north side has been reworked with a bricked up doorway. The first floor interior is divided into two rooms, each distinguished by large ovolo molded floor joists. The original winder stair, part of which still remains, rose in the southwest corner of the main room or "hall." Directly adjacent to the stair is a six-foot wide hearth. During the early years of the nineteenth century a two-story, two-bay frame addition fitted with Federal style woodwork was attached to the west gable end of the brick house. Also noteworthy on the property is the gable-front frame tobacco house, erected around the turn of the nineteenth century and representing the last structures of this type to be erected on the lower Shore.

"Sudler's Conclusion" was the name Thomas Seon Sudler attached to the 419 acres south of Back Creek that he had resurveyed under one name in 1789. His grandfather, Thomas Seon, assembled extensive holdings between Back Creek and the Great Annemessex River beginning with the purchase of a 100-acre part of

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"Barnaby's Lott" in 1747. It has been presumed the brick house was standing on the property at that time. In his will of 1781, Thomas Seon bequeathed all his property to his wife, Jane, and after her decease, the lands would pass to his grandson and namesake, Thomas Seon Sudler. Thomas S. Sudler occupied the Back Creek plantation for over a half century, and he was taxed for "Sudler's Conclusion" as well as other lands in 1798. His principal plantation was improved by the then single-story brick house as well as a brick meat house, 12 feet square, a brick milk house, 16 feet by 10 feet, and a brick kitchen, 20 feet by 16 feet. Thomas Seon Sudler's other lands along the Great Annemessex were tenanted out to a Richard Tull. Thomas Seon Sudler died in 1832, and his large land holdings were partitioned between his two sons, William and Tubman, as well as his daughter, Eleanor Gilliss Sudler. The property remained in Sudler family hands until the early The current owners purchased the house in 1971, and have twentieth century. proceeded through a carefully thought-out restoration of the early brick and frame dwelling.

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The initial stage of Sudler's Conclusion now constitutes the east wing of this two part house. Of a one and one half story height, having a single chimney enclosed within the east end wall, the house is of brick, Flemish bond, construction displaying a regular usage of glazed headers throughout. original principle facade at the north elevation is three bays in length with a centrally positioned door flanked by a single window at each side. The former rear (south) facade was two bays in length with a centered door flanked by a single window at its east side. This door was filled in circa 1800 and a window installed flush to the west side of the former opening. At both front and rear roof slopes are two pedimented dormer windows, also installed circa 1800. At the east end elevation of this same block is a door positioned near the southeast corner. Near the northeast corner of this same elevation is a small window which has been bricked in. Both this window and the door, as well as a small attic level window (positioned close to the barge board of the north roof slope), constitute later installations. All orininal ground floor door and window openings are headed by segmental arches of header brick. the east end elevation, at a line even with the front and rear eave cornices, is an indented two brick belt course with the This same decorabricks of both courses set on the diagonal. tive treatment is seen on several other brick houses of this type and apparently was fairly popular with lower Eastern Shore builders of the first half of the eighteenth century.

Although renovated on the interior at an approximate date of circa 1800, Sudler's Conclusion, now undergoing a renovation; by its present owners, displays several interesting features. Its plan is of the hall and parlor type with the hall being a rather narrow room extending the length of the north side. It has a tall but narrow fireplace opening at the east end, positioned close to the brick partition wall. This room is presently being renovated for use as a modern kitchen. adjoining parlor is somewhat larger and has a more expansive fireplace opening, also the east wall, measuring approximately seven feet in length and six and one half feet in height. each interior side wall is a small bake (warming) oven. original brick hearth (now removed) protruded about four feet into the room flush with the floor level. Flanking the fireplace, on the right (south) side is a door opening into a small hall which leads outside. Flanking this is a small door which The wall surfaces of this closet display opens into a closet. evidence of its having formerly served as an enclosed stair. The top two treads (winders) are still in place and the bottom two treads (now removed), projected out into the room from the stair door.

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evidence that the fireplace wall had been originally sheathed with large fielded pine panels. The exposed ceiling joists of both this room and the hall display a very wide bead on their lower edges. The floor boards of this level are apparently original although they have been repaired and patched, especially in the fireplace and stair areas.

The attic level, now reached by ascending the main stair of the later west wing, has suffered several major renovations. initial floor plan consisted of a hall (east end)flanked by two small chambers to one side (west). The two partition walls were of vertical painted boards. The present arrangement is of two chambers, partitioned laterally. The roof collars display the same beaded edge as the ceiling joists of the first floor. both cases the area above is sheathed with lapped boards. The small area above the roof collars is gained by a narrow "stairladder" positioned against the south wall of the chimney stack. This ladder is enclosed within a small closet flanking the former stair. At the west end of the attic is a small gable window which was now been sealed shut. Its original purpose was to serve the former south bed chamber. It is not known whether this window was flanked by one lighting the north chamber since that area has been altered with the introduction of a door opening into the later addition.

The frame two story west wing was probably erected circa 1840. It has a single stair hall at the east end flanked by a single parlor on the west side. This same floor plan is repeated at the second floor level. The addition is two bays in length at both the front (south) and rear (north) elevations with the transomed entrance door positioned toward the east end of both facades. A single chimney is enclosed within the west end wall with its rear (exterior) face exposed at the first floor level. The south wall of this wing is flush to the south wall of the first stage and extends back about three quarters the depth of the west end elevation. Within several years of the erection of this wing a small two story outshut was constructed against the east end of the north wall. It contains an exterior cellar entrance at the first floor level and a small closet chamber above.

Standing in close proximity to the east end of the house are two domestic dependencies, one a log smokehouse and the other a frame tobacco barn. Both date circa 1800 and both are in a ruinous state. At a short distance from the northwest corner of the west wing of the house is a small private cemetery with most of the graves dating from within the first half of the nineteenth

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7. DESCRIPTION

Sudler's Conclusion was recorded during a 1971 architectural recording survey of Tidewater Maryland architecture sponsored by the Maryland Historical Trust and the St. Mary's City Commission (St. Mary's City, Md.) resulting in architectural drawings of the house and a site plan of this small complex. This material will eventually become part of the National Park Services HABS collection at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

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Sudler's Conclusion is situated on a tract of land patented in 1789 by Thomas Leon Sudler. This tract, known as Sudler's Conclusion, was formed from parts of five tracts patented as early as 1665. A 1754 transfer of one of the tracts, Littleworth, mentions a building which may be the same house mentioned in the 1783 Tax Assessment owned by Mary wheatley and described as "brick dwelling house with two rooms below in middling good repair". This house was probably part of a transfer made to Thomas Sudler in 1789 from Jones Willis. 2

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The house remained in the Sudler family until 1815 when it passed along a chain of local Somerset County owners. During these years, the original 419 3/4 acre tract was reduced to its present 7.91 acres. In 1971 the house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eberly who are in the process of restoration.

Sudler's Conclusion represents one of Maryland's few remaining early eighteenth century dwellings. Its significance lies in its architecture. The diagonally set belt course on the east end is one of three found in Somerset County houses of the period. Other significant elements are the decorative interior details and the laterally partitioned floor plan. house is so little altered that it is possible to reconstruct

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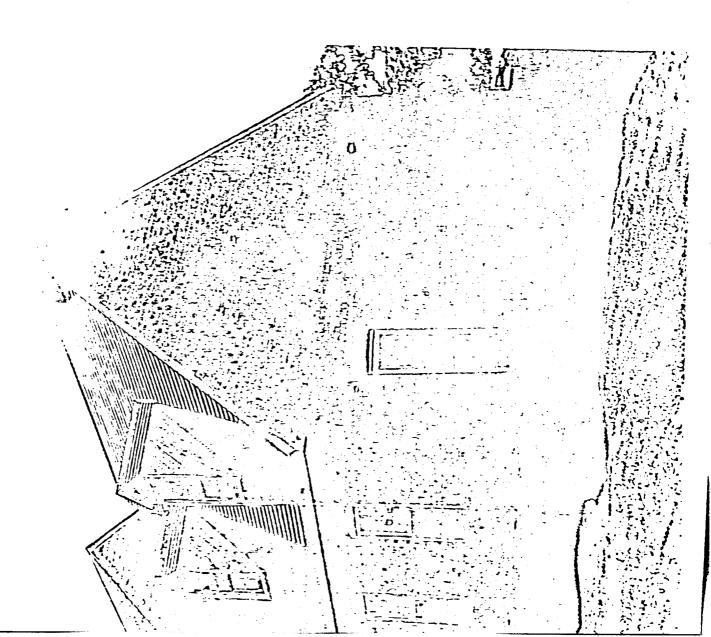
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Jackson Lee Cook PRESENT OWNER

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late 17th C. w/an DATE OR PERIOD 18th C. frame addition Colonial STYLE

ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

This is a fine example of a small 17th C. house, like Salisbury Plantation, which has had, at a later date, a larger frame structure added onto it. The brick part of the house dates from the 17th C. and has a very steeply pitched A-roof. It is 2 bays wide and 2 bays deep. The windows on the front are 12/12 while those on the rear are 9/9. The door is on the gable end and the other bay on that end has been bricked up. Random glazed headers and stretchers are used throughout the construction. The belt course on the end between 1st storey and the gable level consists of 1 row of bricks laid on the diagonal to form a saw-toothed edge and a row of protruding stretchers laid over this. The chimney is built into the gable end of the house. The house sits on a high brick foundation with an elaborate molded water table. This brick section of the house has exposed beamed ceilings and all original panelling. There are two old fireplaces which issue from the same chimney. To the left of this old house a frame 2 bay wide, 2 bay deep $2\frac{1}{2}$ storey Georgian wing has been built. All the windows in this section are 9/6. There is an enclosed end chimney with the brick exposed by the omission of the clapboard at the first storey level. Thos section of the house too has all of its original panelling, fireplaces and panelled stair hall.

This house is important because it preserves very well the structures and panelling of two eras. At present it is deteriorating and something should be done to save it. Especially for the

fine 17th C. wing. Needs immediate attention.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior

Exterior deteriorating



6. LOCATION MAP (Plon Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Poges) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Paul A. Brinkman

DATE OF RECORD August 5, 1967

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2. NAME Sutler's Conclusion

DATE OR PERIOD Late 17th century with an 18th century frame addition.

ARCHITECT Style: Colonial BUILDER

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Condition: Deteriorating, needs attention, especially, 17th C.wing

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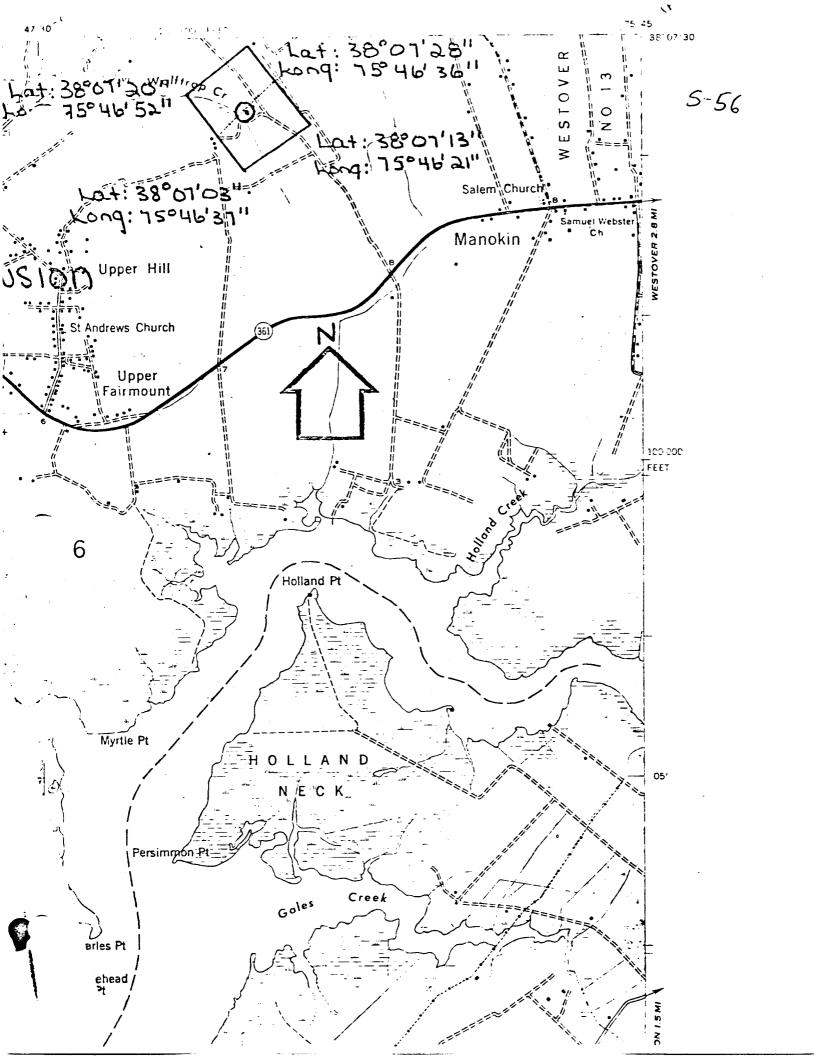
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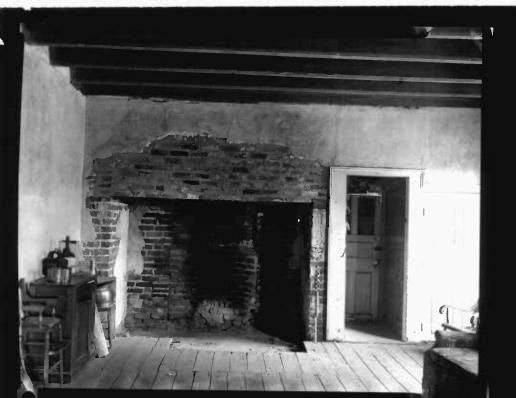
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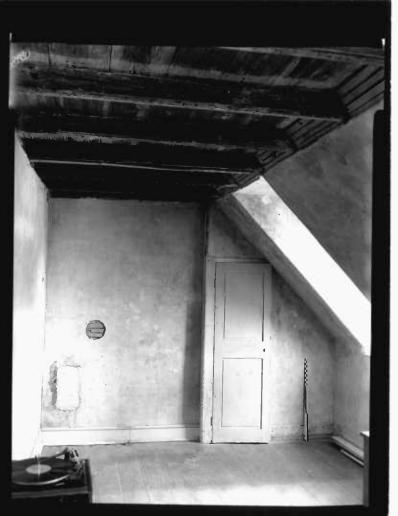
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